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WEATHER.

Western Oregon and Washington—Fair.

REVERSING EXTREMES.

A few months ago Astoria was, practically, a "closed town." The people have intimated at the polls, their willingness for the games to open up, or at least, have shown an indifference that amounts to tacit permission in the premises, and now there are plenty of rumors, at all the game-sides in the city that Astoria has been chosen as the point for the establishment of an "American Monte Carlo." The transition is swift and far-reaching, and if the further consent of the people is necessary for the inauguration of the wholesale scheme now afoot, it can undoubtedly be had. It is a quality of fame, however, which will not react with any credit to the city, and there might better be some long, hard binking done, before the actuality arrives.

CIVIC INFLUENCE.

The four improvement clubs of this city should do a bit of thinking along the lines of their especial mission in the municipal field, should give trenchant thought to the civic influences they may wield here, not in a political sense particularly, though even in that realm they may serve as a safety-valve upon occasion, but peculiarly, in the commercial future of Astoria. By carefully mapping out wholesome and welcome theories and programs and compelling public attention to the cogent conclusions they may declare for, they may become a commanding and valuable agency for progress.

ASTORIA GIVES THANKS.

If one wants to realize that there is something to be thankful for one has not to search very far for a grateful predicate. The same with cities. Astoria has lots to be glad about; The dull season is past; the fisheries are about to open with tip-top prospects for a year; there will be hundreds more of busy people around here, earning and spending money; the public health is excellent; the banks are in flourishing condition the jail is empty; the milling business is on the increase; and there is still \$20,000 in the court house fund.

NEW STYLE OF CONTRACT

"On, or before, or after, six months from the date hereof, I promise to deliver to the County of Clatsop, 71,000 Tin Whistles; the same to be kept in bulk storage, free of charge, at our factory, in good condition and guaranteed to whistle when blown upon with sufficient force in the right hole: (Signed) Gloomy Gus."

"Mr. Clerk, draw a warrant, immediately for that other \$20,000."

HER ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION.

In a few days Astoria will be furnishing a famishing world with her

annual contribution to the great food supply, and of an epicurian sort at that. She holds the world's premium for the finest salmon on earth, and the prestige will not be lost nor vitiated with the coming catch. But will rather be enhanced and her fame carried into new and distant markets. So mote it be.

A MATTER OF TIME.

Would it not be well, in point of time, to begin the work of repair on the main thoroughfares of the city, and let the opening and building of new streets wait awhile? Commercial street, for instance is showing imperative need of treatment. This is only friendly suggestion.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Also the bunko man loves the shining mark.

He who has no sense of humor has but few friends.

A man at Richmond, Va., has found his third wife by advertising. He may decide later on that it does not pay to advertise.

Do you pick up sample packages of headache powder that may happen to be thrown on your porch. They may stop all your aches permanently.

A Missouri doctor says that death is a bad habit. We don't know so much about the habit but we notice it is always fatal.

Don't buy a lot of things you do not need merely because the agent's tongue is hung in the middle and loose at both ends.

As we understand that controversy if all the saloons in Chicago should go out of business the city could not maintain a police force at all.

The Japanese may not have learned yet that those burly porters in Constantinople who carry pianos on their backs are strict vegetarians.

1906 promises to be a great year in New York real estate. Blocks and houses are being built on all available lots and air castles on the prospective profits thereof.

The house committee on industrial arts and expositions has decided to recommend a total appropriation of \$1,480,000 for the Jamestown exposition.

There is evidently more than one girl in the golden west. Yesterday's Colorado mining dispatches told of the intimate relations of Mary McKinney and Anna Conda.

Now that Massachusetts' supreme court has established the right of a wife to sue another woman for alienating her husband's affections, rich widows with predatory instincts are expected to cease poaching on the Bay State's matrimonial preserves.

DEEDS, NOT WORDS.

Astoria People Have Absolute Proof of Cures

It's not words, but deeds that prove true merits.

The deeds of Doan's Kidney Pills. For Astoria kidney sufferers, Have made their reputation.

Proof lies in the testimony of people who have been cured to stay cured.

G. H. Springmeyer, expressman, of 1016 First St. Portland Ore., says: "Exposure to rough weather and the jarring of my wagon brought on kidney trouble. My back ached almost constantly and the action of the kidneys seemed weak in the passages and the secretions too frequent. Doan's Kidney pills came to my notice and I got a box and began using them at once. The pain in my back was soon relieved and the kidney secretions became normal. Two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills brought about this result." (From a statement made Feb. 28th, 1903.)

Cured to Stay Cured.

On Jan. 12, 1906 Mr. Springmeyer confirmed the above statement and added: "Since the time referred to in my former testimony I have not had a trace of kidney trouble. I have always recommended Doan's Kidney Pills to many people and am always glad to do so."

Plenty more proof like this from Astoria people. Call at Chas. Roger's drug store and ask for what his customers report.

For sale by all dealers. Price, 50c. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

FRUIT AND FLOWERS

PRUNING THE PEACH.

Methods of Jersey Growers Afford a Wide Choice of Ways.

If peach trees are on strong, rich land and are not cut back, the tops will probably be too large in proportion to the roots; hence I would cut back one-third of new growth, but do no inside pruning, for my experience tells me that is where the fruit is at three years old. I would prune any time from now on.—A. E. R., Sussex County, N. J.

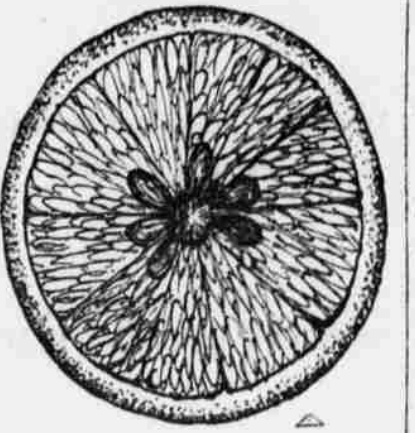
The only rule to follow in pruning a peach orchard should be to keep the tree as low headed as possible; to keep all growth from the inside of the tree, as that growth is away from the light and sun and therefore weak and unable to bear good fruit. My advice would be to cut out all the weak limbs and twigs from the inside of the tree, so as to admit the sun and allow a free circulation of air through the tree. Cut back to one foot all the top or upright growth of last year.—E. S. Black, New Jersey.

The life of a peach tree is too short and its crop too uncertain to prune it for fancy, future or any other effect. This rule necessitates pruning late in the spring, after the greatest danger of killing by frost is past and also at a time when the number of live buds can be more surely estimated. If at that time the tree has an overabundance of good buds, prune with the threefold object of shortening it, distributing the fruit and thinning it. If there are but few live buds, prune lightly or not at all, but pinch in in summer and take chances on pruning back the next spring.—J. W. Trinkle.

ANOTHER HARDY ORANGE.

Progress Making—A Nearer Approach to the Sweet Orange.

Professor Van Deman tells in Rural New Yorker of new crossbred oranges developed by J. L. Normand of Marksville, La., about 150 miles north of the coast, midway between New Orleans and Shreveport, where a temperature of ten to twelve degrees above zero is not uncommon. In Mr. Normand's crosses Professor Van Deman finds a great predominance of the appearance



CROSSBRED HARDY ORANGE CARNEGIE.

of the sweet oranges in leaf, fruit and absence of thorns, while the contrary is the rule among many seedlings of the government crosses that he has seen.

Of the oranges of the cross, to which the name Carnegie has been given, Professor Van Deman says: "The oranges averaged over two inches in diameter and were of good flavor. I do not think the fruit equal in flavor to any of the really choice oranges, but I have eaten many that were sold in our markets, especially those from the Mediterranean countries, that were no better and in some cases not so good."

Pruning the Flowering Shrubs.

Most flowering shrubs require little or no pruning at this season. The proper season for pruning is immediately after flowering. To prune now is to cut off the greater part of the flowering wood, but now that the bushes are bare of foliage misplaced and weak branches are readily discerned. These should be removed as well as dead branches. Late flowering shrubs, such as altheas, Hydrangea paniculata, etc., should receive their annual pruning now if not already done. The latter may be pruned hard, leaving but two joints of last season's growth.

The Herbaceous Border.

The herbaceous border is one of the most flexible and pleasing parts of the home grounds. It has no formal design and may be set with large clumps of each variety of plants grown.

STRAY PETALS

Browallia major is a comparatively new plant. It is of extremely easy culture. Those who are fond of blue flowers will prize it highly, as it is of a shade extremely rare among house plants.

Twenty or thirty years ago the verbenas as a bedding plant was second only to the pelargonium in popularity, and it is beginning to be used again.

Callas thrive best in a minimum temperature of 50 to 55 degrees, with plenty of light and an abundance of water at all times during the growing period.

Try some of the novelties. In these days of fine plant breeding one can't afford to neglect the new things.

Very fine climbing roses are Crimson Rambler, Reine Marie Henriette, Ard's Rover and all of the sixteen varieties of the Lord Penzance Sweet Briars. These make a charming screen or fence and grow vigorously.

What this world needs is fewer creeds and more true charity.

THE SUNDOWNER.

Shrewd Traders Pick Up Bargains in the Cow Market.

To the average visitor at the well known stockyards in Brighton, Mass., the chief object of interest is the large stock barn. The large rows of stalls provide accommodations for hundreds of cattle, and the room is about all needed during the busy seasons of the year. On Tuesday and Wednesday of each week this barn is the scene of great activity, says American Cultivator. The cattle arrive by train from all parts of New England and New York state. They are brought in mostly by traders who make a business of buying from farmers or at auctions and sell in Brighton. Any one, however, is allowed to use the barn and sell his own cattle if he wishes to do so. Some who live near by drive in their own cows and sell them direct, thus saving the middleman's profit, although their own lack of trading experience may often offset the apparent gain.

No dealer likes to carry over cows from week to week. The rent of the stalls is for the market days only and includes feed for that period, and also the cow, if kept over, is a week further along in milking.

This consideration is the cause and encouragement of the "sundowner." The term is applied to the shrewd traders who stay away while buying is active and appear at the last moment and pick up bargains just as dealers are beginning to fear they must keep over some of their cows. The "sundowner" drops in late Wednesday afternoon and often buys cows at low prices. He is usually a country resident and trader and takes his purchases out home to sell them at a profit. The cows left over to the last are not the most desirable as a rule. Once in awhile at a dull market a few good cows will be left over to the last, and then real bargains are to be found.

For Quick Pasture.

To an inquirer who asks concerning sowing rye and oat grasses for quickly making pasture Professor Ten Eyck says in Kansas Farmer: I believe you would do better to sow some annual grass or grain. A combination of barley and oats will make spring and summer pasture and produce much more grazing than you will be able to secure from rye grass or tall oat grass. Both of the last named grasses are perennials, and, although they start more rapidly than Bromus inermis and English blue grass, yet we cannot consider these grasses equal to the last named grasses, either for pasture or meadow.

Dairy Specials.

"Dairy specials" are but the natural sequel to "corn specials." The Maryland experiment station is starting a series of dairy trains which will cover most of the railroad systems of the state. These trains will be in charge of Director Patterson of the experiment station at College Park. It is hoped that people will take as deep an interest in them as they did in the successful "corn specials" of the state last year.

Live Dairy Practice

"Records of Dairy Cows in the United States" is a recent publication of the bureau of animal industry, claimed to be unique in that no complete compilation of this nature is at present extant in the United States. Its object is to act as an incentive to progressive effort among our dairymen and to the raising of the standard of herds. Part 1 deals with grade and native cows and part 2 with pure bred cows.

Up to Dairymen and Consumer.

Growing interest in the production and sale of clean, wholesome milk indicates that it behooves the dairymen to comply with the requirements of sanitary milk production and the consumer to insist upon the observance of these requirements.

The Hog a Dairy Adjunct.

In European countries where dairy farming is followed as the chief occupation pigs are reared and fed in considerable numbers as an auxiliary industry, and to all appearances neither industry can be so successfully conducted alone as the two combined, especially in those countries which rank high in the production of high class bacon. The real secret of success in European feeding for prime bacon is due to the large amounts of skim milk and buttermilk fed with grain and meal.

Remarkable Development.

Alfalfa growers generally will be interested in the remarkable development of the alfalfa meal industry. New plants are being erected at many places throughout the west and others already established are crowded with orders, remarks Denver Field and Farm. Eastern dairymen are becoming interested, and the product is in active demand.

First Cow Testing Association.

Michigan has the unique distinction of sustaining the first and only cow testing association of this country, organized last fall. It is claimed that the idea originated with ex-Governor Hoard of Wisconsin some ten or twelve years ago. "The American dairymen seems to have overlooked the great value of this suggestion. At any rate it was the dairymen of Denmark who first put the work into practice," says Helmer Rabild in an exchange.

Annex the Good Calf.

Keep your eyes open, and when you see your neighbor about to turn off a good calf secure it if you can.

A man in trouble always appreciates a favor,—until he gets out.

Political Information

Announcements of candidates for office will be published in these columns at reason-able rates for men of all parties.

REGISTRATION

Registration books opened by County Clerks, Tuesday, January 2, 1906.
Registration books closed for Primary Election, April 10, 3 p. m.
Registration books opened after primary election, April 2.
Registration books closed for general election, May 15, 5 p. m.

DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION

County Clerks give notice of Primary Election not later than March 2.
Last day for filing petitions for placing names on ballot for state, (constitutional and district offices, March 30.
Last day for filing petitions for county offices, April 4.

DATE OF PRIMARY ELECTION, APRIL 20, 1906.

Canvassing votes of primary elections for state offices: May 3.

GENERAL ELECTION

Last day for filing certificates of nomination for state offices by assembly of electors, April 19.
Last day for filing nominating petitions for state offices, May 4.
Last day for filing certificates of nominations for county offices by assembly of electors, May 4.
Last day for filing nominating petitions for county offices, May 19.

GENERAL ELECTION, JUNE 4

BE SURE AND REGISTER

CANDIDATES ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR GOVERNOR.

Republicans of Oregon are hereby informed that I am a candidate for the nomination of Governor at the primaries to be held April 20th.

JAMES WITHYCOMBE.

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Secretary of State, and ask the support of all Republicans.

F. T. WRIGHTMAN.

FOR SHERIFF.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for sheriff on the Republican ticket at the primary nominating election.

EMSLEY HOUGHTON.

FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

The undersigned hereby announces himself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Attorney-General, subject to the approval of Republican voters at the primaries.

A. M. CRAWFORD.

FOR STATE PRINTER.

The undersigned announces himself as a Republican candidate for renomination for State Printer, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primary election, April 20.

Now serving first term. The same courtesy that has been accorded to State officers generally, that of a renomination, would be greatly appreciated.

J. R. WHITNEY.

Albany, Oregon.

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for renomination for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and solicit the support of all Republicans at the primaries, April 20th.

J. H. ACKERMAN.

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That All Important Bath Room

You have often heard people remark "If I were ever to build, I would plan my bath room first and would not put all my money into the parlor with all its finery." That is good common sense sentiment, for the bath room is the most important of all the household.

We would like to help you plan your bath room and will gladly quote you prices on "Standard" Ware, the best and most sanitary fixtures made.

J. A. Montgomery, Astoria.

First National Bank of Astoria, Ore.

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